

Port tells port crews to resume all work

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The regional labour union here yesterday ordered the 15,000 port workers to resume their go-slow strike immediately. Responding to the request of the Israel Ports Authority, the union's executive director, David Mordechai, called on the 15,000 port workers to resume their go-slow strike immediately. Responding to the request of the Israel Ports Authority, the union's executive director, David Mordechai, called on the 15,000 port workers to resume their go-slow strike immediately. Responding to the request of the Israel Ports Authority, the union's executive director, David Mordechai, called on the 15,000 port workers to resume their go-slow strike immediately.

EC summit ails over farm prices

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THENS (AP). — After a three-day summit, leaders of Western Europe's Common Market yesterday completely failed to resolve a financial crisis threatening the 10-nation trading bloc. It was not the end of the 25-year-old European Economic Community, but its leaders and analysts predicted grave monetary trouble in the months ahead. Political tensions also appeared likely. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl called the failure "a bitter setback" and French President Francois Mitterrand said Europe now knows in all clarity that it is in crisis. An indication of the seriousness of the crisis was that for the first time a summit ended without a communiqué or a declaration of any sort. The summit foundered in large part on the question of subsidies, or support prices, for agricultural products which are in growing surplus in the 10-nation area with a population of 270 million. The subsidies absorb two-thirds of total market spending of about \$25 billion (\$21 billion) annually. The summit failure was a particularly severe blow for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who had pressed for years for more financial discipline in the trading group and for a more equitable, long-term cost sharing programme.

Christian group cancels hotel project in Gilo

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
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The Christian Beth Shalom movement has called off plans to build a hotel in Jerusalem's Gilo neighbourhood because it feels it is "not wanted there," the movement's executive director said yesterday. Beth Shalom has been active in aiding wounded Israeli soldiers, giving scholarships to underprivileged Israeli children and other philanthropic projects. Before deciding to build the Gilo hotel, it donated \$300,000 to build a mother-and-child centre there. Gilo residents mounted an intensive campaign against the hotel, claiming it would be a "missionary centre." The charge of missionary activity has been consistently denied by the movement's leader, Dr. Haim Malgou, and by Israelis who have been in contact with the movement through its hotel near Haifa. But despite the denials, the campaign against Beth Shalom continued. Last week, Mayor Teddy Kolek sent a letter to the movement which its executive director, Arno Froese, understood as a withdrawal of support for the movement's hotel plans.

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Passers-by look aghast at the remains of the buses, following yesterday's bomb blast in Jerusalem.

Vote delayed on tax bills in Knesset

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday presented two tax bills to the Knesset, as part of his programme to rescue the economy. Both are temporary measures that will expire on March 31, 1985. The first levies a 10-per cent surtax on any income of an individual over IS3.3 million a year (IS275,000 a month) at September 1983 prices. The second applies to persons with up to three children, whose marginal income tax is 50 per cent or more (i.e., whose monthly income is over IS100,000). Such persons will be taxed on the allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute for their first two children. At the conclusion of his speech, Cohen-Orgad announced that since he was due to meet later in the evening with industrialists on the profitability of exports, he would be unable to reply to the debate last night. Alignment members suspected that Cohen-Orgad was deferring his reply because he knew that he didn't have the votes to carry the bill. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Orgad predicts controlled recession

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The economy will have to undergo a period of "controlled recession" before growth is renewed, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday told the 35th convention of the Federation of Contractors and Builders. Cohen-Orgad forecast a 10 per cent decrease in imports in the coming year without any further administrative limitations being imposed. The Treasury, he stressed, wants to reduce the balance of payments deficit by some \$800 million during 1984 and by an additional \$1 billion a year after. "This will entail a reduction of some 12 per cent in standards of living," he said. The minister said that the building sector will have to adjust to new developments in the economy and cut back activities. He called on the contractors to shift some of their efforts abroad. "There is no difference between foreign currency from industrial exports and from payments to contractors for building outside Israel," he said.

Arafat and men due for evacuation soon

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP). — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and some 4,000 of his loyalists will leave for Tunisia and North Yemen aboard Greek ships expected to arrive in this port city "within a few days," a senior Arafat aide said yesterday. Khalik Wazir, "Abu Jihad" Arafat's military chief, said in an interview that Arafat had formally asked the Greek government for help in evacuating the terrorists from the city and Greece has agreed. Wazir said, "More than 4,000 will be evacuated. The chairman's first stop will be Tunisia. Some fighters will go with him, others to North Yemen, and from there they will be distributed to all places where the forces of the (Palestinian) revolution are present." He said the ships would fly "both the flag of the Lebanese government and the United Nations." Wazir said the terrorists would be leaving with their weapons. He said Lebanese police and security forces and units from Lebanese militias in this city "will provide security for the gathering fighters before their departure and will be in charge of security in the camps after the evacuation." He was referring to the Nahr el-Bared and Baddawi Palestinian refugee camps outside Tripoli. The two camps, home for some 45,000 refugees, fell to elements hostile to Arafat during heavy fighting that preceded a Saudi-mediated ceasefire on November 25. Wazir said the agreement on the security force was reached after Syria had rejected Arafat's suggestion that Arab observers, preferably Saudi Arabian, oversee the evacuation. Wazir said the PLO chairman would hold Palestinian leadership meetings on arrival in Tunisia "to map out the political strategy for the coming period after the evacuation from Tripoli," Arafat's last. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Heavy machine-gun fire directed at marine base

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
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BEIRUT (AP). — The U.S. Marine base came under heavy machine-gun fire at Beirut's international airport yesterday and the marines responded with tank guns and anti-tank weapons, a marine spokesman reported. It was the first attack on the American contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force since an artillery barrage on Sunday killed eight marines and wounded two others. "At 5 p.m. today our eastern perimeter received heavy, concentrated machine-gun fire from a fortified position," a marine spokesman said. "The marines responded, and the fighting ceased. It stopped immediately. There were no casualties," he said. The spokesman added that the sundown attack was in the same area where the marines were hit on Sunday. The marines have already refitted and again manned Checkpoint 76 where they were fatally hit two days ago. The flare-up at the marine base came about two hours after U.S. jets were reported to have flown fresh reconnaissance sorties over Syrian positions in Lebanon's central mountains. Local radio stations said the jets drew no ground fire despite Syrian threats always to shoot at intruding American warplanes. Five formations of F-14 Tomcat interceptors, each made up of two jets, streaked over Beirut at mid-afternoon and headed in the direction of the mountains northeast of Beirut where Syrian gunners on Sunday downed two American fighter-bombers, witnesses said. State-run Beirut Radio and privately-owned radio stations said the jets flew reconnaissance missions over Beirut, the hills overlooking the U.S. marine base and the central Lebanese mountains. The new flights came a day after Syrian Defence Minister Lt. Gen. Mustafa Tlass said in Damascus that "our armed forces will always confront any foreign aircraft that flies over our positions." Beirut's Moleen sector was largely closed by a strike called yesterday to protest against a car bomb explosion that wrecked a nine-storey apartment building on Monday, killing 16 people and injuring more than 100. A group calling itself "The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners" claimed responsibility for the bombing in West Beirut's residential neighbourhood of Tarik Jedida.

4 dead, 43 injured in Jerusalem bus explosion

Hospitals' disaster units work smoothly after bombing

By MARGERY GREENFELD
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Within minutes of the blast, a loudspeaker summoned medical personnel to the emergency room at Shaare Zedek Hospital, less than 300 metres away. Doctors, nurses and paramedics were ready waiting when the first carloads of wounded arrived. "We heard a tremendous explosion, the windows rattled and we knew immediately that this wasn't just a sonic boom," hospital spokesman Elhanan Peis told The Jerusalem Post. The alert to receive mass casualties was broadcast over the loudspeaker system, and medical personnel swarmed to the emergency room from all the wards. "The front hall was instantly transformed into a receiving room for the 35 wounded who arrived at the hospital within minutes." The arrivals were quickly classified according to the severity of their wounds and priorities for treatment were established, the head of the emergency room, Dr. Ya'acov Adler said. "The most serious problems were burns, multiple cuts, eye injuries and injuries to the respiratory system. Almost all the wounded suffered from hearing problems from the intensity of the blast, and many had punctured eardrums," Adler said.

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

In the worst bombing in the capital since 1978, a bomb planted in a Jerusalem bus yesterday killed four people and wounded another 43. Police arrested 56 Arabs, of whom all but four were released within a few hours. Nurit Pollack, 14, Eti Adi, 11, and Yehuda Kaplan, 77, were killed when the 12:30 p.m. explosion tore apart a crowded number 18 Egged bus as it was stopped at a red light on Sderot Herzl not far from Shaare Zedek hospital and the Mt. Herzl cemetery. The name of the fourth person killed, a 35-year-old man, has not been released. Three people were still in serious condition last night at Shaare Zedek, while another five were in serious condition at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem. Of the original 43 wounded, 16 were released from Shaare Zedek, which was still holding 21 last night; and three were released from Hadassah, where 10 people were still hospitalized last night. The explosive device, police sources said, "was very, very large," but no specific size was mentioned last night as laboratory experts sifted through piles of debris collected by policemen on the scene. However, one well-informed police source estimated that the bomb might have contained as much as five kilograms of high explosives. Another source said that it was too early to tell how the bomb was put together, but he confirmed reports that it had been stuffed with nails. The device was placed underneath a seat opposite the back door of the bus, and when it exploded it tore the roof off the bus, ripped open the sides, and sent glass flying in all directions, including the playground sandbox of a school 100 metres away. A number 21 bus, immediately behind the 18, was damaged by the explosion, and its front windshield caved in on the driver. Five passengers on the number 21 bus were wounded. Police, Magen David Adom ambulances, Border Police and other authorities including Transport Minister Haim Corfu, arrived on the scene within minutes. The nearby Shaare Zedek hospital went on alert at the sound of the explosion in passing cars stopped to help take wounded to hospital. While doctors dealt with the victims and survivors, police and sappers began studying the remains of the gutted bus. Volunteers, including students from a nearby yeshiva and other neighbours helped collect debris. Police rounded up suspects from areas along the route, but conceded last night after releasing all but four, that the bomb could have been put on board anywhere along the route's 35 stops. The Egged driver, Shmuel Mizrahi, insisted yesterday that he had checked the bus before setting out. Tat Nitzav Rahamin Comfort, Jerusalem sub-district police commander. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

PLO claims responsibility

NICOSIA (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday claimed responsibility for the bomb attack, it was reported by Wafa, the official Palestinian news agency. The Nicosia-based news agency said in a dispatch from the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli that the claim was made in a communiqué issued by "the Palestinian military spokesman," who was not named. The text of the communiqué as reported by Wafa said: "Under instructions of the general command of the Palestinian revolution's forces to the guerrilla units in the occupied territories a guerrilla unit of 'Martyr Halim' was able today to detonate explosive charges inside an Israeli military bus. The explosive charges went off this afternoon while the bus was crossing Herzl Street in the centre of west Jerusalem. "More than 40 Israeli military personnel were either killed or seriously injured." Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir vowed last night that the perpetrators of the Jerusalem bus bombing "shall not go unpunished." In a brief statement issued by his office, the premier said the security authorities were "making every possible effort to uncover the perpetrators of this criminal attack. They shall not go unpunished."

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Civil servants to boycott public next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Civil servants will boycott the public this Sunday, the Civil Servants' Union decided yesterday.
 The union's chairman Reuven Ben-Zion reported on his recent meeting with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, said the union's executive committee would meet Monday to discuss the government's offer of a 17 per cent advance which Histadrut firms will begin paying their employees on December 18th will be eaten up by taxes, he complained.
 He charged that Orgad had failed to take into consideration that advances which are meant to compensate for erosion in take-home pay were taxed so heavily that little was left.
 He called on Cohen-Orgad to resume talks as soon as possible on the entire wage problem.
 The trade unions department also decided yesterday to raise the age of retirement of women employed by Histadrut institutions. At present, although a woman may retire at 60, mandatory retirement age is 62. Yesterday's decision raises retirement age by one full year every 18 months. Thus, in 18 months, or July, 1985, the age of mandatory retirement will be 63.
 The Finance Ministry's recent cuts in overtime and car allowances, are totally unacceptable. "The real take-home of civil servants is being rapidly eroded," he said. "Many civil servants have a net pay packet of less than \$20,000. A breadwinner cannot support a family on such meagre income," he said.
 Histadrut Secretary-General Yoram Meshel also took the Treasury to task yesterday for failing to reform the income tax brackets, the tax reduction credits, and the child allowances. "The 17 per cent advance which Histadrut firms will begin paying their employees on December 18th will be eaten up by taxes," he complained.
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Ministry approves plan for spreading country's population

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
JERUSALEM. Galilee, the Negev and the West Bank are to be the main beneficiaries of a population dispersal plan approved yesterday by the Interior Ministry's National Council for Planning and Construction.
 Presenting the plan to the government, Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky urged the adoption of "economic, administrative and legal measures" to reduce population concentration in central Israel, a concentration that represents a gross imbalance.
 By the year 2010, says the council plan, Israel's population will be seven million compared to four million at present.
 According to the latest population census, 40.5 per cent of Israel's Jewish population live in Jerusalem, Galilee, the Negev and the West Bank. That percentage would grow to 50.4 per cent by 2010 if the government acts on the plan.
 The National Planning and Construction Council suggests a number of incentives to aid in this growth: bigger and better housing at lower prices should be made available in the "preferred" places, and more defence industries should be located in these areas to provide a livelihood for their residents.
 Parallel with these benefits, certain "penalties" should be imposed to make Tel Aviv and central Israel less attractive. Thus, state-assisted investment in new industry should be barred from these areas, state lands should not be sold or leased for further development, and state-assisted home construction should be kept to a minimum.

Ministry says all olim can study Hebrew

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
JERUSALEM. The Absorption Ministry yesterday accused the Education Ministry of backing out of a commitment not to close Hebrew-language *ulpanim* for new immigrants — a charge that the Education Ministry rejects.
 A spokesman for the Absorption Ministry said that Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli had recently told Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan that no *ulpanim* for new immigrants would be closed. But, according to the spokesman, Shmueli backtracked a few days ago, informing the absorption authorities that only immigrant children, and not adults, would continue to enjoy Education Ministry-funded *ulpanim*. Immigrants are entitled to free *ulpan* during their first three years in Israel.
 But the Education Ministry spokesman yesterday denied that *ulpanim* are closing. He said that "not a single immigrant" will be deprived of Hebrew study, and that "no one will have to stop studying because of budget cuts."
 The Education Ministry says that *ulpanim* which cater to non-immigrants, such as kibbutz *ulpanim* serving foreign students and tourists, will no longer be subsidized by the ministry.
 The Knesset Education Committee is scheduled to discuss the imbroglio between the two ministries on the *ulpanim* cutbacks today.

Confession challenged in Alterowitz murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The defence in the trial of Ronen Shani-Sagi, who is charged with the murder of Ya'acov Alterowitz, yesterday challenged the admissibility of a confession allegedly made to the police. Shani-Sagi, 24, and Gil Ben-Gal, 25, are charged with the murder of Alterowitz, an employee of the Moritz and Tuchler brokerage firm last February 20.
 Shani-Sagi's lawyers, Avigdor Feldman and Amnon Zichroni, maintain that their client's confession was elicited under pressure.

Ben-Gurion archives open to the public today at Sde Boker

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The personal and public papers of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, are being officially opened to the public today at Sde Boker in the Negev, where Ben-Gurion spent his final days.
 Ben-Gurion Centre director Mair Avizhor, telling the press Ben-Gurion had kept a diary for seven decades, from the time of his arrival in this country, said he knew of no other personal archives as full or comprehensive.
 The security rating of much of the material has produced a long-running dispute between the centre and the military authorities. Many documents are still in the possession of the army and security services. Some material is being declassified year by year; but other documents may remain classified for as long as 50 years.
 Material on the "Lavon Affair," when Ben-Gurion fell out with most of his senior colleagues, takes up a whole shelf of the archives; but it is only expected to be released next year. The affair concerned a botched security operation in Egypt, which resulted in the death and imprisonment of Israeli agents. Ben-Gurion always believed that Pinhas Lavon, who succeeded him as defence minister, was respon-



Shulamit Shamir, wife of the prime minister, (left) congratulates Zehava Sabag, a mother of nine who was named "Mother of the Year of the Shmuel Hanavi Quarter" in Jerusalem in a ceremony held yesterday in the Pomerance community centre. (Rahamim Israeli)

Civil rights group reminds Arens of pledge on W. Bank

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
JERUSALEM. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel has written to Defence Minister Moshe Arens reminding him of his undertaking to apply the law with equal severity to Arab and Jewish lawbreakers in the territories.
 The ACRI letter notes recent reports that the government is considering changing the law in the territories to ensure stiffer punishments for demonstrators and rock-throwers there. "We hope that this change in the law will be applied to all who disturb public order and break the law in the territories, both in the Arab and Jewish sectors," the association wrote.
 On Monday night, Arens met settlers from Har Bracha near Nablus and described the maintenance of order and the enforcement of law in

Stoning attacks, arrests in West Bank

The windscreen of a bus belonging to the Matze Binyamin local council in the West Bank was shattered by a rock early yesterday evening. No injuries were reported. The driver and passengers tried to catch the rock-thrower, but failed. Soldiers searched the area, but no arrests were reported.
 Meanwhile at the Al-Aruf refugee camp near Hebron local police detained 12 young men on Monday night on suspicion of throwing stones at Israeli vehicles passing the camp. Itim reports.
 Those held are aged between 18 and 20 and are reported to have confessed. Several are said to have given information leading to the arrest of their accomplices.

Psychometric tests come under fire

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In six years, Knesset members from development towns and poor neighbourhoods will be the majority in the Knesset and will abolish psychometric testing as a criterion for university admissions. Asher Eitan, head of Tel Aviv University's educational programme for community leaders from development towns, said yesterday, "I have spoken to members of Knesset such as Meir Shitrit, Rafi Suissa and Aharon Uzan, and this is what they predict," he said during a discussion on psychometric testing sponsored by the university's Student Association.
 Yossi Caspi of the university's psychology department, himself of Sephardi origin, said psychometric tests are culturally biased. "If I prepared a test which included items from the culture of the

No decisions reached yet on Ata dismissals

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Management and workers at the Ata textile factory failed to reach a decision yesterday during negotiations over the firm's plans to dismiss 550 of its 2,600 employees.
 Company secretary Emanuel Solomonov said many more meetings would probably be required to reach agreement in principle.
 "It is very painful to talk about dismissing workers and it cannot be decided in a few days," he said.
 The works committee has decided not to make public statements during the negotiations.

Sulha arranged after Deir Hanna rioting

DEIR HANNA (Itim). — "Either make peace among yourselves or I'll arrest people right and left until complete order is restored," threatened Nitzav-Mishne Meir Sadeh, head of the Galilee district police, during a meeting called between the town's two feuding factions to arrange a *sulha* (reconciliation).
 The negotiation between the heads of the Hussein and Khatib clans followed a day of rioting on Saturday, in which 12 people were injured.
 Under pressure from Sadeh, the two clans eventually agreed to a joint declaration stating that a *sulha* had been concluded with the aid of the Israeli police.
 The feud began with the recent local elections, when a Khatib won and refused to name a Hussein as his deputy.

Haifa man held for embezzling millions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A well-known Haifa citizen has been arrested on suspicion of embezzling millions of shekels from government departments over the past few years, police said yesterday.
 The 63-year-old man, who is the secretary of a public organisation in the city, was arrested on Monday following a nine-month investigation by fraud squad detectives. His secretary, a 34-year-old woman from Kiryat Motzkin, was also detained for questioning.
 The man allegedly forged documents to obtain money from government departments, including the Ministries of Immigration and Absorption and Labour and Welfare.
 Police said their enquiries are continuing.

Ashdod man arrested for trying to post hashish

ASHDOD (Itim). — A 42-year-old resident of this town, who recently returned from Germany after serving a jail sentence for a criminal offence, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of trying to smuggle a dangerous drug out of the country.
 The man, under surveillance since his return, was arrested after a package which he was about to mail to a friend still jailed in Germany was opened by police. The package contained hashish, police said.

U.S.-INDIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE

— President Ronald Reagan announced on Monday that the U.S. and India have reached a special cultural exchange agreement under which major U.S. art institutions in 1985 will offer displays of Indian social and cultural life since ancient times.

Hotel refreshment prices standardized

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A bottle of Macabee beer, which costs IS49.80 at a supermarket, costs IS137 in a five-star hotel and IS92 in a one-or-two-star hotel, according to the listing of maximum prices for drinks in hotel lobbies published by the Tourism Ministry yesterday. The prices will be updated approximately every three months.
 A cup of coffee will cost up to IS92 in a five-star hotel and as little as IS64 in a one-or-two-star hotel; a can of Schweppes or cola (IS51 in a supermarket) will cost IS144 in a five-star hotel and IS84 in a one-or-two-star hotel. The cheapest "extra" on sale in a hotel lobby is a bottle of soda at IS73 in a five-star hotel and IS36 in a one-or-two-star hotel.
 These prices include a service charge, but do not include value-added tax, from which tourists are exempt. The same items ordered from room service will cost IS92 more in five-star and IS22 more in one- or two-star hotels.
 Hotel circles said yesterday that the "extra" prices are insufficient to cover their overhead costs and also said they are not updated often enough.
 The Tourism Ministry last week sent hotels a circular reminding them that as of December 1 they must serve fresh orange and grapefruit juice upon request until

Vance speaks at opening of Dayan Mideast centre

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Former U.S. secretary of state Cyrus Vance last night called on Israel to halt the settlement drive on the West Bank as a step towards revitalizing the peace process.
 Speaking at the opening of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre for Middle East and African Studies, Vance said this should not be taken as punishment for Israel. "There have been sins of omission and commission on the part of all parties, more than enough to go around. Our diplomatic experience has taught us that the electrifyingly simple and inspiring act can capture the imagination of governments within the region and beyond. Of course, there is a possibility that the Arabs will not respond appropriately to an Israeli settlement halt, but I think they will."
 The "unfinished business of Camp David" i.e. the autonomy talks, must not be neglected because of the situation in Lebanon, he said. A dual track policy must be pursued which will work on both issues simultaneously, he said.
 Vance said that nothing less than full autonomy for Palestinians will achieve the goal of peace. "What we see now is creeping annexation of the West Bank, which will destroy Resolution 242 and its inherent bargain of exchanging territory for full peace."
 He said the Palestinians must be assured that their best hope is the political process, not violence. Egypt must be assured that the peace with Israel was the beginning, not the end of the peace process. Jordan must receive American assurances that its sovereignty will be protected and Israel must be sure that the U.S. commitment to its security is unwavering. The peace process must ultimately extend to the Golan Heights, he said, but Syria must understand it cannot maintain a stranglehold on the peace process.
 Vance is in Israel on a four-day visit.
 Attending the ceremony were Moshe Dayan's widow, Rachel Dayan, his daughter Yael Dayan-Sion and her husband, Tat-Aluf Dov Sion.

3,000-5,000 Israelis are drug addicts

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Between 3,000-5,000 Israelis are drug addicts, Dr. Peter Silfen, a psychiatrist, and a member of the organizing committee of the Second International Congress on Drugs and Alcohol, said here yesterday.
 The congress is scheduled to open here on December 18.
 Silfen said he defines "drug addict" as a person who has lost control of himself and of his destiny because of drug use. It does not include regular users who have not reached the stage of addiction. In his usage, the term includes only those drugs forbidden by law in Israel, such as heroin, cocaine, adolan and hashish.
 Silfen said that his figures were drawn from a recent survey conducted by Dr. Kalman J. Mann, former head of the Hadassah Medical Organization. This survey showed that six per cent of all adult Israelis had used drugs at one time or another, but were not addicts.
 Of the 3,000-5,000 addicts, about 1,000 are receiving treatment, mainly at outpatient departments, or clinics, although a few are hospitalized, he said.

Court blocks lawyer's marriage to Ilanit

Model Anabel Tamir yesterday won a temporary injunction at the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, forbidding her husband, Attorney Eli Tamir, to marry the singer Ilanit until it decides on her petition.
 Anabel Tamir has asked the High Court to cancel a decision of the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court annulling her marriage to Tamir. The High Court has also ordered the rabbinical court to show cause why it should not cancel the annulment within 30 days.
 Tamir applied to the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court for an annulment of his marriage to Anabel on the grounds that she had deceived him regarding her Jewish parentage. Anabel Tamir charges that her husband knew that she had a Jewish father and a Christian mother. She maintains that it was Tamir who persuaded her to pose as a Jew when they got married, so as not to have to wait for conversion proceedings.
 The rabbinical court agreed to an annulment on the grounds that Anabel Tamir, "dishonestly deceived the rabbinate and the rabbinical court by presenting herself as Jewish." Therefore it had no alternative but to annul the marriage. (Itim)

Mayor sets conditions for budget cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel announced yesterday that he is prepared to cut the city's 1983-84 budget from IS5.08 billion to IS3.8-8b, at the request of the Interior Ministry — provided the ministry consolidates the municipality's IS1b debts.
 He is also demanding that the city's allocation be linked to the cost-of-living index to counter inflation.
 "We are prepared to accept the reduction in the budget if these two conditions are met," Gurel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.
 He charged that the government had been promising since 1981 to pay off the city's outstanding debts — either by consolidation or in a grant.
 "We are now asking for those promises to be implemented, and we have an assurance that the appropriate officials in the Interior Ministry will raise the matter with their colleagues in the Treasury."
 Meanwhile, the municipality is facing problems in paying November salaries to its 4,500 employees because of a breakdown in the monthly funding from the ministry.
 "We should have received IS250 million, but we have been told we will only get half of this amount. We will now have to borrow the remainder from banks and this will put an added burden on our already strained finances," the mayor said.

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STRATEGY FOR LEBANON

Israel is being increasingly perceived as a strategic ally of the U.S., reports The Post's Wolf Blitzer from Washington. But Israel has other things to worry about — especially Moscow.



Amin Jemayel. (Camera Press)



Ronald Reagan. (Rubinger)



Yitzhak Shamir. (Israel Sun)

The U.S. and Lebanon are in an effort to see some light at the end of the Lebanese tunnel. And, in fact, that was conveyed by President Ronald Reagan to Lebanese President Amin Jemayel during his recent visit to Washington.

As the U.S. military involvement in Lebanon has escalated, the U.S.-Lebanese relationship has improved. There is a correlation: the Americans see that their earlier policy of often bending over to please the Arabs did not produce results.

The U.S. today needs Israel even if not everyone at the joint chiefs of staff is yet ready to admit it.

Since Sunday's downing of two U.S. aircraft by Syrian forces, American commentators have repeatedly made mention of the fact that Israel, since June 6 last year, has operated literally hundreds of sorties against Syrian-held positions, losing only three planes. These commentators have said that Israel clearly has a better capability in this area of expertise than even the U.S. — despite America's huge defence budget.

In addition, ABC correspondent Jack Smith said on Monday that the work-horse Israeli Kfir fighter aircraft were shown to be superior to the American-made A-6 and A-7 attack aircraft, which were used on Sunday. Those U.S. planes are based aboard aircraft carriers, and the Americans are unable to use their superior F-16 fighters — or even the older F-4 Phantoms — because they cannot be operated from aircraft carriers.

America's bigger F-14 Tomcats, which are aboard the carriers Independence and New Jersey, are interceptors, and are not designed for close-in ground attacks.

Thus, the image of Israel as a strategic ally in the event of actual American combat in the region is becoming more evident. But Israel still has other things to worry about, especially Moscow.

EXACTLY HOW FAR is the U.S. prepared to go to assist Israel?

"In view of the long-standing U.S. commitment to the survival and security of Israel, the U.S. government will view with particular gravity threats to Israel's security or sovereignty by a world power. In support of this objective, the United States will, in the event of such threat, consult promptly with the government of Israel with respect to what support, diplomatic or otherwise, or assistance it can lend to Israel in accordance with its constitutional practices."

That was the language contained in the September 1, 1975, U.S.-Israeli memorandum of agreement which was signed by the then secretary of state, Henry Kissinger,

and the late Israeli foreign minister, Yigal Allon.

The memorandum accompanied the Sinai-II accord with Egypt, and it was revived during the recent meetings between President Reagan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to underline the basic U.S. commitment to Israel in the event of any direct Soviet involvement in a future Israeli-Syrian confrontation.

Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens had come to Washington hoping to obtain a new, written commitment which would reaffirm an American readiness to check any Soviet actions against Israel. But they failed to obtain such a new, written pledge.

In some agreed minutes of the meetings, however, the Americans

revived their 1975 pledge, as well as other direct commitments made to Israel over the years.

Israel, under Shamir and Arens, is not afraid of a head-to-head battle with Syria. Despite the Soviet Union's massive re-supply operation to Damascus over the past 18 months, Israel still has the military might to inflict a decisive blow against the Syrians.

Israel is certainly not seeking such a confrontation because it would result in additional Israeli casualties and financial expenditure. But if the Syrians press their luck, they might find themselves in direct battle once again.

But what worries Israeli military planners — and understandably so — is a Soviet decision to get in-

involved. That is where U.S. resolve to deter Soviet aggression is needed. And that is why Israel wanted a new, firmer U.S. commitment.

IT WAS A SOURCE of some disappointment to Israeli officials that it was not achieved, although they were not overly complaining. Israel did well in the talks, the most important achievement being the enhanced strategic cooperation in several areas, but especially in Lebanon.

An American official said on Monday that the two countries achieved agreement on 95 per cent of the issues involved in Lebanon. The U.S. and Israeli assessments of the basic problems facing Jemayel and his government dovetailed very well.

When experts from Israel and the U.S. met to work out a common paper on the problem, they came up with few serious disagreements. The remaining 5 per cent of the issues — which involved differences — were relatively minor, said the U.S. official.

Thus, what the two countries did come up with was a common strategy consisting of various economic, diplomatic and military steps to make Syria more amenable to a pull-out from Lebanon.

The U.S. and Israel are by no means confident that their new track will succeed, especially in the wake of Sunday's first U.S. aerial strike against the Syrians. In addition, another eight marines were killed by a direct mortar blast which landed near Beirut Airport. The Americans are accusing the Syrians of directing that attack from positions held by their Lebanese Druse allies.

As Secretary of State George Shultz conceded during a news conference on Monday, the situation now is very tense, and cooler heads had better prevail in Damascus and Moscow. Otherwise,

things might really get out of control.

U.S.-ISRAELI strategy in Lebanon, in the aftermath of Reagan's meetings with Shamir and Jemayel, consists of a mixture of tactics: to encourage the Lebanese government to broaden its base by extending new powers to Druse, Shi'ite, Sunni and others; to have Israel use its influence with Druse and Shi'ite groups to make them more reasonable; to encourage the Lebanese army to become more assertive in taking over positions not currently under the control of the Syrians, such as in the Shouf Mountains; to promote a closer military dialogue between Lebanon and Israel, possibly leading to Lebanese army control over any areas evacuated by Israel; to make clear to the Syrians that the U.S. and Israel will use their own military power, if necessary, to keep the Syrians from undermining the Lebanese government and taking over more parts of the country; and to win greater support among moderate Arab states, especially Saudi Arabia, for this new strategy.

The U.S. policy towards Syria, said one U.S. official, is one of "carrots and sticks," as demonstrated over the weekend.

Jemayel was told by Reagan and Shultz that the U.S. had no intention of rewriting or abrogating the May 17 Israeli-Lebanese agreement. He did not want to hear that. But that has become a bedrock U.S. stance.

In addition, the Lebanese president was told, there had been no U.S. suggestions of unilateral Israeli withdrawals from Lebanon in advance of positive movement from the Syrians. Some Lebanese and Saudi officials had raised the possibility of trying to encourage Syrian moderation by forcing unilateral Israeli concessions. That did not occur.

Will it all work? No one in Washington is optimistic, but they see no other strategy which even has a remote chance. In short, there is considerable gloom and uncertainty in the U.S. capital right now. The White House would like to bring the marines home, but that is not likely to happen soon.

Strains in the Alliance

By HENRY GOTTLIEB/Brussels

with their allies since the initial batch of 572 U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles arrived in Europe.

"WE HAVE a solid position on intermediate nuclear force talks and we mustn't give in to the temptation to try weaning the Soviets back to the table with concessions," said a U.S. official at NATO.

With the new rockets in West Germany and Britain to be operational by New Year's Day, "the crescendo of the missile crisis will be behind us and we want to look forward," said the U.S. official, who asked that he not be identified.

"There will be a certain amount of self-congratulation; the alliance did a good job hanging together," he said.

He also said any moves by other representatives to get the Americans to soften their negotiating position in Geneva "would be beaten back by the majority."

"My feeling is that the people in the peace movement had their say and now we're ready to turn the

page," he said.

But officials from other delegations were not convinced that the missile debate had ended, and they said people in their countries would continue to remain concerned about the build-up of nuclear weapons in Europe.

There is also a move by some countries to have President Ronald Reagan and other heads of government attend the opening of an East-West conference on European disarmament in Stockholm next year. Nothing on that has been decided, the U.S. official said.

Weinberger's chief mission at the session will be to get the allies to beef up their conventional defenses.

Britain, long considered the United States' staunchest ally, recently revealed it will fail to reach an alliance goal to raise defence spending 3 per cent each year, joining a list of countries that will not meet the target.

WITH CONGRESS resisting big increases in the U.S. military budget, Weinberger would like to return home with some assurances the al-

lies are doing their fair share, the U.S. official said.

The Reagan administration wants NATO to spend up to \$12 billion through 1990 on airfields, roads, and other fixed military installations alone. Some of the smaller countries, citing the European recession, want the figure set at about \$6 billion.

Weinberger also is pushing the alliance to put more of its money into research on "super-weapons" packed with electronic and laser technology. Advocates say such weapons could replace some nuclear arms.

At the same time, both Weinberger and Shultz are expected to renew their call for tougher controls over the flow of military-usable technology to the Soviet Union. The alliance currently maintains a list of equipment it thinks the Soviets should not get, but the United States wants to plug up all the leaks in the system.

Some countries — notably France, which is still smarting from Reagan's failed attempt last year to stop European sales of pipeline equipment to the Soviets — regard the issue as an economic question that should not be controlled by NATO.

The foreign ministers meeting will be marked by the official resignation, effective in mid-1984, of NATO's chief executive, Joseph Luns, 72, of the Netherlands, who has been secretary-general for 12 years. Former British foreign secretary Lord Carrington is expected to be named to replace Luns. (The Associated Press)

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\$20m. order for electronics corp.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Electronics Corporation of Israel (a member of the Clal group) on Monday announced that it had received a \$20 million order from the West German Post and Telephone Administration for a 360 telephone line doubler units.

of existing trunk lines in the West German network.

ECI notes that its product was selected by the German telecommunications administration after two years of testing various systems.

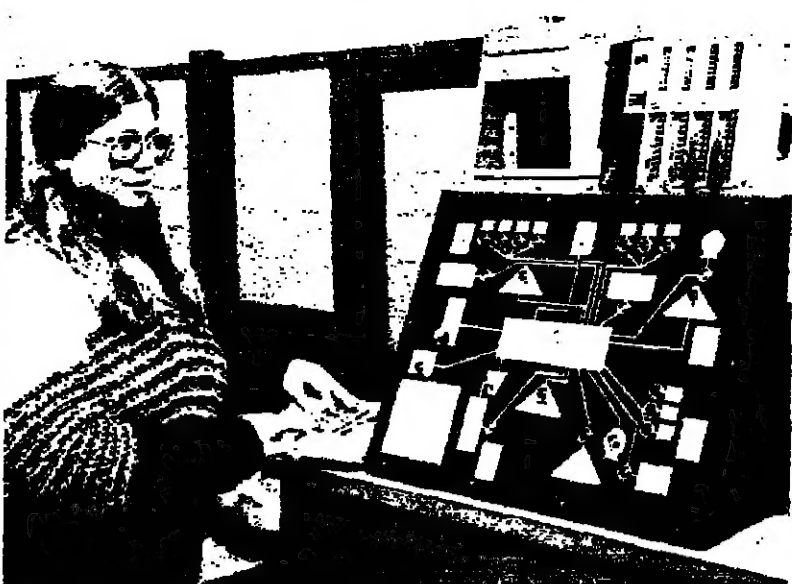
The Israeli company says that the TLD is easy to install, and its increased capacity becomes operational in a very short time.

In North America, the telephone line doubler is marketed under the

name DTX—digital trunk expander. It is used both by common carriers and by private end-users, to reduce the cost of leased lines, or as a cost-effective method of adding circuits to existing networks.

ECI's sales increased from \$2.6m. in 1979, to \$3.9m. in 1980; 10.4m. in 1981 and \$11.6m. in 1982.

ECI employs 300 persons, of whom 70 are involved in research, development and engineering.



Dalit Sagi, of Moshav Bnei Yehuda in the Golan Heights, with the electrical energy control device which won her first prize at the 1983 Weizman Institute Science Fair. Sagi, 18, collected her award at a ceremony at the institute, in Rehovot, yesterday. Her computerized energy controller facilitates the efficient and economic use of electrical energy by large consumers.

Eilat may get tourism boost

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eilat's ailing tourism industry may be boosted up for the second consecutive year by discount packages for Israelis who would occupy the rooms left vacant by Europeans.

Tourism Ministry Director-General Rafi Farber is to visit the Red Sea Port today to meet with hoteliers and representatives of the Arkia inland airline and the Egged bus company in an effort to work out a package which would be attractive to Israelis. If the others agree, the ministry is willing to publicize the package.

In addition to its lack of tourists, Eilat is also suffering from the decision to close down the Timna copper mines and lack of work at the port. According to the ministry, the present tourism slump has been caused by cancellations by Israelis, deterred by the high prices and the general economic situation.

However, the ministry says all is well with the overseas trade. The number of weekly charter flights is due to go up from its present eight to 11 next week. But reports from Eilat have indicated that the flights are far from filled and that it would be, to say the least, unusual, for Eilat hotels to offer rooms at a discount to Israelis just in time for what ought to be the high season.

Last year the malaise was explained by the War in Lebanon, which reached its peak just as the season was due to get underway, but with an additional 200 rooms from new hotels, the town still seems to have difficulty attracting enough tourists.

In reaction to the move, Eilat Hotel Association director Moshe Pontremoli said that the hotels would have to consider any suggestion, keeping in mind that prices had already gone down in real terms by 30 per cent. He added that in any event, there would be no point in advertising such subsidies until after January 15, when the Christmas season was over.

2-tier exchange-rate system 'would cause economic havoc'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Re-introducing a two-tier exchange-rate system will play havoc with Israel's economy, according to Avner Ben-Yakar, Chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

Ben-Yakar noted that establishing a low exchange rate for funds flowing into the country (not from exports) would slow down the rate of this incoming money. Some persons would even find "unconventional" ways of bringing foreign currency into Israel. Moreover, many persons, now saving in dollar-linked accounts, would have second thoughts, since they

would suspect that the authorities were "playing" with the exchange rates, Ben-Yakar said.

As for exporters receiving a specially high exchange rate, Ben-Yakar said this would lead to all types of distortions. Some exporters would fake export shipments in order to get the higher rate; others would try to export non-competitive goods which had become competitive due to the bonus they received on every dollar earned.

(The switch from the present exchange-rate system to a two-tier one which existed for many years in this country, was suggested recently by Avraham Shapiro, MK, in a speech before the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce.)

Real estate not 'a seller's market'

HAIFA. — The Maldan Association of Real Estate Brokers held its annual general meeting here yesterday "facing a period of uncertainty and stagnation," in the words of its chairman Emanuel Kogan.

Association Treasurer Joe Ben-Simon estimated that sales of second hand flats had dropped by as much as 70 per cent, but he was optimistic that real estate investments would pick up as the money being pulled out of the disappointing stock exchange would seek new outlets.

Kogan said that the sellers' market was over "and we must concentrate on finding buyers and advising entrepreneurs on the right time to sell."

The most urgent need was for a law to regulate the real estate business in order to protect the public from "unqualified amateurs."

PLASTIC ORDERS. — Keter Plastics has firm orders for \$6 million for 1984, according to Sami Sagol, managing director of the Tel Aviv plant.

Reforms proposed in citrus growing

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury and the Ministry of Agriculture have agreed to pay \$1.4 to citrus growers for every \$7.5 they receive in sales if the growers agree to a proposed reform in the citrus sector, the Finance Ministry budgets division director Ya'acov Gadish told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

The reform is based on a 5 point plan which includes picking citrus according to quality and not according to quotas; a 15 per cent reduction in personnel employed by the Citrus Council; and the establishment of a common organization by the council and Agrexco.

UK Amex group visits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 20 executives from American Express, London, this week paid a two-day visit to Israel in what the company officials described as "an attempt to increase travel to Israel by the company's clients."

Haifa furriers will 'innovate' to beat crisis

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — "This is not the first crisis we've had in the fur trade. We intend to get through it by innovation and investing in the future," Shlomo Kuehnreich, a leading furrier told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He was commenting on reports that several large furriers had gone out of business during the past two years and that many workers had been dismissed in the industry. A number of large European furriers have also gone under as a result of the worldwide crisis, caused by the poor economic conditions.

The Kuehnreich Brothers' company, which was founded here nearly 45 years ago, is one of the country's veterans. This year their exports, which amount to 90 per cent of sales, totalled \$1 million, down from \$1.5m. last year. But they have not reduced their work force of 20 and continue to farm out some work to subcontractors.

The firm exports mainly to Italy

and Switzerland and also sells directly to visiting tourists.

Kuehnreich said that he was more worried by the government's policy regarding the fur trade than the international crisis "which is bound to pass."

He noted that the "inflationary profit taxation" hits the trade especially hard because they must buy furs at the European auctions in January and February but sell the finished coats and stoles only the next winter, nine months later. The shekel value of the furs has meanwhile more than doubled, resulting in "ruinous taxes." The problem could be solved at the stroke of a pen, Kuehnreich holds, if the Treasury would allow furriers to keep their books in dollars, as the diamond trade does.

Three years ago fur fashions changed from the curly, short-haired Persian lambs to long-haired mink, racoon and fox furs. While most Israeli furriers had specialised

Fishermen want government to suspend sardine imports

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A mass meeting of the country's fishermen last week called on the government to suspend all licences for importing sardines, frozen and canned, until the local canning industry agrees to buy catches from Lake Kinneret.

The fishermen's Union Secretary, Itamar Katz, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Kinneret sardine season has just started and will last through February, with a catch of 500 to 600 tons expected.

But, due to the refusal of the canning industry to buy the catches as soon as they are landed, fishermen

had already been forced to deep freeze 40 tons of sardines, at a cost of \$50 per kg. — which amounts to over half the price they have charged the industry (\$34 per kg.)

The Defence Ministry, which buys canned sardines for the troops, informed the fishermen that it would buy much larger quantities, canners agreed to smoke the sardines. But the industry declined on the grounds that too much work was involved, said Katz.

Katz said that as a last resort the fishermen would take their sardine to Jerusalem and spill them outside the Ministry of Industry and Trade to convince the government that Israeli produce deserves priority.

OPEC expected to maintain oil prices

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The U.S. oil industry expects OPEC to stick to current production and price levels at a ministerial meeting in Geneva this week, but questions its ability to avoid price cuts early next year.

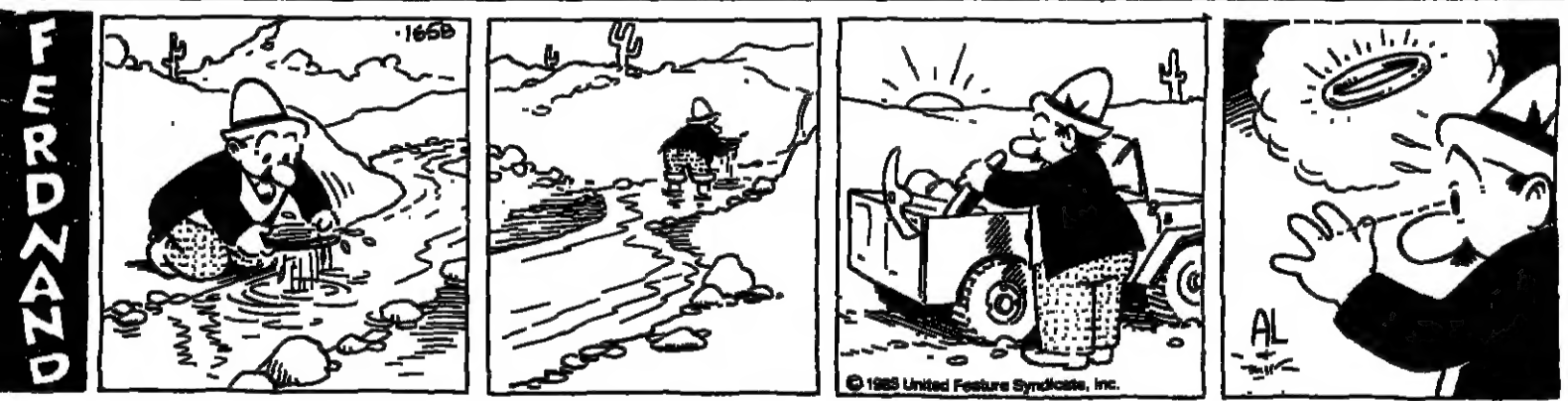
When OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meets today, it will be faced with slower than expected growth in world oil demand and weak prices.

Analysts expect OPEC to reaffirm its March accord when its 13 members agreed to limit overall

output to 17.5 million barrels per day and lower the price of a benchmark crude, Saudi Arabia light, by \$5 a barrel to \$29.

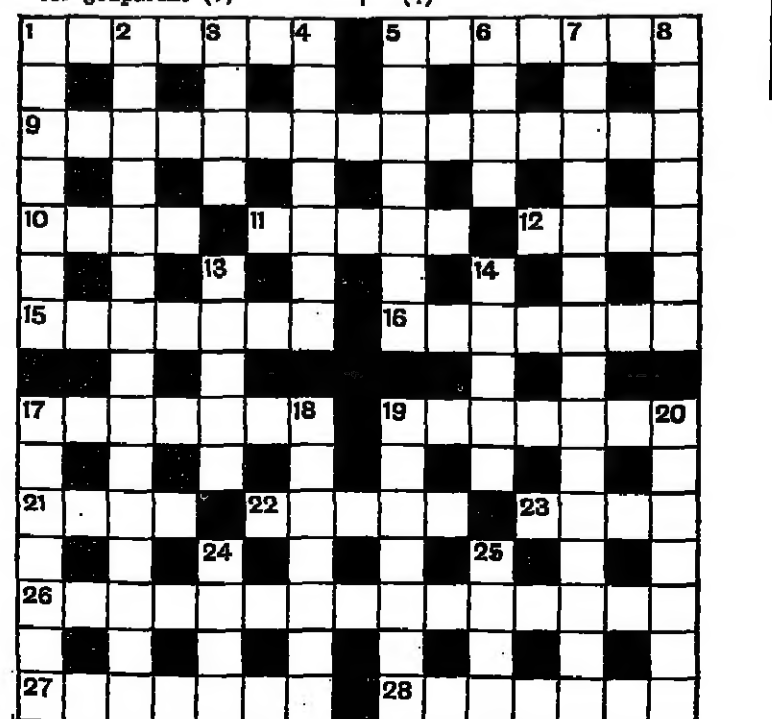
Most analysts see a decline, if comes, of around \$1 to \$1.5 a barrel in the price of Saudi light crude.

Most other analysts disagree with some recent predictions of sharp price falls, such as a forecast by Evans Economics of Washington that there is a 50-50 chance that "prices will fall substantially early next year, probably by about \$4 barrel."



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 A jolly group on the sleeve (7)</p> <p>5 eg Derby form, 100-1 put about (7)</p> <p>9 Jason the dog? (6, 9)</p> <p>10 Dull retirement for Shakespeare (4)</p> <p>11 Beekeeper's winter abroad (5)</p> <p>12 Burden—and where it appears always to rest (4)</p> <p>15 Country folk, we hear (7)</p> <p>16 Long shaft, pleasantly lit? (7)</p> <p>17 Composer sounding at home in the UK? (7)</p> <p>18 Laughs at some of the thunder I despise (7)</p> <p>21 Charity-openers fashionable leading feature (4)</p> <p>22 Skilful in cutting down a department (5)</p> <p>23 Pitman said to be good talker in cage (4)</p> <p>26 Protection for tenant holding back a tear? (4-11)</p> <p>27 Colours of deserts (7)</p> <p>28 Last of silver spoons put out for godparent (7)</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Mixed bag—real letters for numbers in school (7)</p> <p>2 Output of a criminal potter—one guilty of professional misconduct (15)</p> <p>3 Great man in short having a bitter before tea (4)</p> <p>4 Air-beds blown up—arresting officers commonly use them (7)</p> <p>5 Sloops for tailors (7)</p> <p>6 A duck-egg blue (4)</p> <p>7 Among them, idleness; envy—said in a way! (5, 6, 4)</p> <p>8 White gown first worn in church mixed choir's opening motet (7)</p> <p>13 Orderly over hospital in Welsh town (5)</p> <p>14 Tin and wooden vessel created by Lewis Carroll (5)</p> <p>17 Dollar butter-cloth—that is very stiff (7)</p> <p>18 Five hundred sit about in fitful sun—they get tanned all over (7)</p> <p>19 Exiles king in storehouses (7)</p> <p>20 Having this, one can turn nuts! (7)</p> <p>24 They sound like a ship's company—they are good sailors (4)</p> <p>25 Organ-effect from the choir (4)</p> |
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Blacken, 5 Wright, 8 Enrich, 9 Tension, 10 Trawler, 11 Enter, 12 Corridor, 14 Assault, 17 Begot, 19 Instant, 22 Requisite, 23 Emile, 24 Taste, 25 Languid, 26 Down, 27 Cabaret, 28 Obtrude, 29 Avert, 30 Lint, 31 Sack, 32 Stern, 33 Treat

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Gov't-supported shares end slide

TEL AVIV. — After four consecutive sessions, over the course of which the prices of those bank shares, covered by the agreement with the Treasury, were falling, the downward trend was halted yesterday.

Union and Discount A were able to reflect minute gains. The supported bank shares, generally acting as a group disconnected from other sectors of share trading, including those bank shares covered by the agreement.

The supported shares have often been while the rest of the market was falling and on other occasions when all other shares are advancing, this group has gone into reverse.

Primarily this situation can be traced to the fact that the bank shares in question have become the object of institutional investment. Since the Treasury was able to refrain from intervention the only buyers were the pension funds and on occasion the mutual funds. The public has continued to be the seller.

Yesterday the rest of the market turned moderately lower in the wake of profit taking moves. For a fortnight now the prices of equities have advanced smartly, yesterday the time came to take some profits.

The General Share Index was down by 0.64 per cent while the index for the commercial banks was ahead by 0.01 per cent.

For a change, not a single security was able to enter the "buyers only" circle but six wound up "sellers only".

There were 74 other issues which fell by margins of more than 5 per cent while only 31 securities were

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

able to advance by margins of more than 5 per cent.

Trading turnover eased as IS123.4 million of a total turnover of IS461m. was achieved in trading of non-commercial bank shares.

Mortgage bank stocks were sharply down. Jaysour was 8.6 per cent lower, while the 5 shares were down by nearly 10 per cent.

Binayan, after dropping 5 per cent on Monday, was 5 per cent lower yesterday. However, "Tuesday's" drop was occasioned by a "sellers only" situation.

Specialized financial institutions were also lower. Shilton was down by 6.9 per cent while the Federation of Contractors was 7.7 per cent lower.

Insurance issues trended slightly lower. Yardenia 0.1 was a major loser with a 9.67 per cent drop. The only meaningful advance in the sector was garnered by Phoenix, whose 0.5 stock was 9.9 per cent higher.

The service and trade group, by contrast, was slightly improved. The Israel Electric Corporation led up the score board with a 16.9 per cent upward jump. Cold Storage 0.1 was up 10 per cent. Yavneh came through with a 10.4 per cent rise.

The Tel shares performed poorly, as the 1 stock was 8.6 per cent lower and the 5 issue tumbled to 10.2 per cent. Clal Computers rose by nearly 7 per cent while Nikov

Computers 1 was dropped for a 10 per cent loss. Rapac 0.1 enjoyed speculative interest and the shares appreciated by nearly 15 per cent.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were generally lower as the sectoral index fell by 1.7 per cent. The Azorim ordinary shares, early in the day, fell by 16.8 per cent, and during the afternoon trading session the Azorim ordinary shares were 9.7 per cent lower. The Ben Yakar options slid 18 per cent lower and the shares capped by 6.3 per cent. Bayside 0.1 could not stand the recent price prosperity and absorbed a full 10 per cent loss.

Property and Building, the parent company, saw its shares trade unchanged. Other issues in the group were mixed, with prices moving narrowly within 5 per cent limits in either direction.

Industrial shares were only slightly lower. Elbit gained one point while Elron Electronics was unchanged. Alliance picked up 7.3 per cent. Arit was unchanged. Delta-Gal 1 was as 10 per cent gainer. Teva B was nearly 10 per cent lower.

Investment company issues were clearly lower. Amisbar backtracked by 9.4 per cent while Wolfson 0.1 was being dropped for a full 10 per cent loss. Central Trade was down by 5 per cent. Israel Corporation 1 stock lost 5.7 per cent as Piyron traded 5.9 per cent lower.

Oil issues also were down on the session. Index-linked bond trading was quiet, but prices nevertheless continued to advance. The short term bonds were good movers with gains of 1-3 per cent visible. Gains of up to 3 per cent were to be noted in the 90 per cent linked group. The Gilboa dollar-linked issues were either unchanged or reflected small price changes in either direction.

The devaluation of the shekel was slowed somewhat, 42 agorot in relation to the dollar.

Building Resources announced that it was changing its name from Paul S. Goldschmidt Ltd.

The Israel General Bank Ltd. announced that it is preparing a new financing issue which will be carried out by way of a rights issue to existing shareholders. Furthermore, the bank announced that one of the companies in the Baron Edmond de Rothschild group will act as underwriter.

The American-Israel Paper Mills management announced that it is studying the possibility of adopting a steam producing machine which will be run on coal rather than oil. If the plan is carried out it will mean an annual savings in energy costs of about \$3 million.

The Mukluk Well off the north Alaskan coast, in which British Petroleum has the largest stake, totalling nearly 40 per cent, was widely expected to be a major oil source in the 1990s. Analysts now say it may become a total writeoff.

Operating from a man-made gravel island constructed in the Beaufort Sea at a cost of \$130 million, prospectors began drilling on November 1 and yesterday reached the planned depth of 2,483 metres.

A spokesman for the Diamond Shamrock Corporation, which has a 10 per cent stake, said, "The well found hundreds of feet of oil stained sands. However, there appears to have been no trap to hold the oil within the formation. The oil seems to have seeped out of Mukluk long, long ago."

Drilling will restart in two weeks' time to reach a possible secondary stratum at 2,900 metres. Depending on the results, further exploration may then be tried.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	180.00	+0.10
Bank Hapoalim	175.00	+0.10
Bank Mizrahi	170.00	+0.10
Bank Discount	165.00	+0.10
Bank Union	160.00	+0.10
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Yardenia 0.2	14.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.3	13.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.4	12.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.5	11.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.6	10.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.7	9.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.8	8.00	-0.10
Yardenia 0.9	7.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.0	6.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.1	5.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.2	4.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.3	3.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.4	2.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.5	1.00	-0.10
Yardenia 1.6	0.50	-0.10
Yardenia 1.7	0.25	-0.10
Yardenia 1.8	0.10	-0.10
Yardenia 1.9	0.05	-0.10
Yardenia 2.0	0.01	-0.10

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Company	Price	Change
Binayan	15.00	-0.10
Amisbar	14.00	-0.10
Wolfson	13.00	-0.10
Central	12.00	-0.10
Israel	11.00	-0.10
Piyron	10.00	-0.10
Alliance	9.00	-0.10
Arit	8.00	-0.10
Delta-Gal	7.00	-0.10
Teva	6.00	-0.10
Phoenix	5.00	-0.10
Yardenia	4.00	-0.10
Yavneh	3.00	-0.10
Elbit	2.00	-0.10
Elron	1.00	-0.10
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Elbit	0.10	-0.10
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Dutch guilder	1.662/30
Swiss franc	2.050/00
Japanese yen	233.85/00
Italian lire	8.012/75
Spanish peseta	166.666/00
Portuguese escudo	200.483/00
Belgian franc	33.333/00
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Norwegian krone	4.755/55
Danish krone	4.666/66
Finland mark	5.945/94
Yugoslav dinar	23.333/33
Czechoslovak koruna	166.666/66
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Soviet ruble	200.483/00
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Scourge of terrorism

THE MURDEROUS blowing up of a Jerusalem bus yesterday, for which the PLO has taken full responsibility, serves as a reminder that the struggle against the scourge of terrorism is going on, despite such successes as may have been scored in the war on the PLO in Lebanon.

There is good reason to believe that the perpetrators of the outrage will, sooner or later, be apprehended, and duly punished. This will not, however, eradicate the phenomenon of terrorism. Indeed, as military experts have repeatedly warned the nation, terrorism cannot easily be eradicated by strictly military means. What can be done is to minimize its incidence.

Proper vigilance by the security forces, and by the public at large, has in the past prevented many an incipient disaster. Yesterday's tragedy suggests that we have grown rather lax of late. Certainly tighter precautions in all places of public assembly are the order of the day.

At the same time it is to be hoped that this newest outrage will prove to all sides that the decades-long conflict can only be solved by political means and will not be taken as an invitation to stepped up Jewish settlement in the Israeli-held areas. Any such response, designed to "show the Arabs" who is lord and master of all the Land, from the sea to the river, could only be counter-productive.

PLO hardens its line

IT WILL COME as a surprise to no-one that the PLO has come forward to claim responsibility for yesterday's outrage in Jerusalem. This follows a well established pattern, with the organization quick to claim credit for virtually any explosion or similar disaster in Israel — even when, in some cases, such disasters have plainly been the result of criminal, or purely accidental, causes. Another pattern followed yesterday was the PLO's claim that it had hit an "Israeli military bus," although many passengers on the regular Jerusalem Egged bus were women and children.

But what is worthy of note in yesterday's PLO announcement is that it was carried by the organization's Cyprus-based news agency WAFA — an outfit controlled, not by PLO radicals, but by Yasser Arafat's mainstayers.

This would appear to indicate that Arafat, while continuing to put out feelers to Jordan and toy with a political option, is prepared at the same time to "escalate the actions of the Palestinian Revolution against the Israeli occupiers," to quote yesterday's PLO communiqué.

The PLO leader has been under considerable pressure for some time to harden his line on Israel. His determination to resist such pressure all but led to his undoing at the hands of malcontents in his mainstream Fatah organization backed by two small radical PLO groups, Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command and the Syrian-dominated Sa'ika.

What saved Arafat's skin, more than any single other factor, was the strong support for his continued leadership of the PLO that he received from the two largest groups making up the PLO after his own Fatah — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

And it has been plain for some time now that Arafat is going to have to honour in some way the very substantial political debt he owes to Habash and Hawatmeh, both of whom have been highly critical of the PLO chief's stress on diplomacy and backed the rebels' call for a more militant line on Israel — even though they dissociated themselves from the rebels' recourse to internecine blood-letting to achieve this end.

Could it be that yesterday's outrage in Jerusalem was just the first installment on Arafat's debt to these two — and the harbinger of a far more militant Arafat than Israel has had to contend with for some years?

DISASTER UNIT

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that all patients other than blast victims be referred to Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem. Two more lightly wounded people were admitted a little later, and we sent 12 people to Hadassah, among them one with serious head injuries and one with serious burns," Adler said.

"The serious cases were taken immediately to the intensive care unit. Most were suffering from severe burns of skin and respiratory system. Those with respiratory damage were placed in the respiratory intensive care unit and several others with burns were taken to plastic surgery," he said.

At Hadassah, the admissions procedure was equally smooth despite the many severely wounded among the 14 victims admitted. Of the two critically wounded patients transferred at the request of Shaare Zedek, one woman was suffering from burns over 60 per cent of her body, the hospital spokeswoman said.

Social workers circulated in the hushed but busy emergency room. They had the initial task of notifying the families of the wounded, and later that of calming distraught relatives.

Assistant Shaare Zedek administrator Nahum Pessin noted that "unfortunately, this hospital has had lots of experience in receiving mass casualties." He pointed to a stand holding white aprons with large pockets stuffed with medical supplies. "Those are always ready, complete with scissors, bandages, tape and any other equipment a nurse might need in an emergency."

From her cot in the Shaare Zedek emergency room, Helen Bernstein, 77, described what she had experienced, sitting with her husband Shmuel, 78, in the seat behind the driver. "I saw people lying on the floor," she said in Yiddish. "People took me out of all the smoke; they put me and my husband into a taxi and took us straight to the hospital." She had cuts on her lips and hands, and a large gash on her knee. Her husband, a retired Rubin Academy music professor, was lying on the examination table in the same cubicle. His face was cut, as were his ankle and hands.

Upstairs, in the eighth-floor plastic surgery ward, Rena Schwartz, of Kiryat Yovel, told The Post: "I was lucky, all I have are burns on my legs. I was on the way home from the hairdresser in Baka, but I guess I won't make it to the wedding we were supposed to attend tonight."

Schwartz had been sitting three seats from the driver when the blast went off. "I lost consciousness, and when I opened my eyes, I couldn't move. The woman who had been sitting next to me was thrown on top of me. I waited until someone pulled me out and then I was taken to hospital in a private car."

Just then, a man rushed into the room, knelt by the bed and burst into tears. Schwartz's husband, Zigo, had looked for her first in Hadassah and then come to Shaare Zedek. "No one notified me Rena was hurt. I just had a terrible feeling. I knew," he said as he squeezed his wife's hand.

THE IDEA of signing a free trade agreement with the U.S. is not new. Since the early Seventies, when Israel signed a free trade agreement with the European Common Market, ministers and other government officials have dreamed about the seemingly endless possibilities offered by the huge American market.

Israeli industry had been hungry for new markets for a decade already, encouraged by economic decision-makers to increase exports and thus earn foreign currency. In fact, until 1982, exports rose an average of 15 per cent a year. Over the last eight years, Israel's sales abroad have increased fourfold.

As for this country's trade with the U.S., Israel exported goods worth \$300 million to the U.S. in 1975. Last year the figure was \$1.2 billion. Were a free trade agreement implemented, the figure could be \$4 billion, and it is easy to see why Israeli officials seek such an accord. The idea behind a free trade agreement in principle is simple. The signing parties undertake to abolish tariffs within a certain period of time for a defined range of goods. But there are dangers in basing hopes for a brighter future on such an agreement.

The U.S. has never signed a free trade agreement with any country in the world. American politicians are well aware of the interests of local producers, and it would be naive to think that these interests will not be taken into account during the com-

IN HIS article "On individual and mass terror" (The Jerusalem Post, November 30, 1983), Prof. Benjamin Akzin took issue with an earlier article of mine ("For the record," The Jerusalem Post, November 10, 1983). Without intending any disrespect to Professor Akzin, I would like to reply since he did question my political motives and reprimanded me, apparently believing me to be a lecturer in political science, for nevertheless condemning all forms of terror. "Dr. Rolef's central thesis was that there is no essential difference between individual and non-selective mass terrorism," he wrote.

That certainly was not the central thesis of my article, which attempted to set the record straight on what Yitzhak Shamir had said to whom and when on the subject of terror. (And to set the record straight, I formerly lectured in international relations at the Hebrew University.)

I stated that the distinction between indiscriminate terror and selective, controlled terror was not a valid one, because I simply do not believe that once terror is condoned in principle that anyone can keep it within strict bounds. I did not analyse the theoretical difference between personal and indiscriminate terror, of which I am perfectly aware.

There are many reasons why selective, controlled terror is an illusion, and I should like to mention just one.

Even though most terrorist organizations have a core of

A second look at free trade

By AVI TEMKIN

ing negotiations between Israel and the Reagan Administration.

Officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade concede that for more than two years, since Minister Gideon Patil first raised the idea of a free trade area agreement, the Americans have insisted on discretion. If politicians on both sides are now talking about a possible agreement, openly and loudly, it is because of President Reagan's public declaration in favour of such accord. But the Reagan Administration is now facing a particular political constellation, internally. This is an election year. Externally, the administration would like Israel to act in accordance with American needs in the Middle East. Should this constellation of political factors change, it is likely that the U.S. willingness to reach an early accord will be tempered by a more careful approach.

In addition, by insisting that a free trade agreement is the key to Israeli economic development, the

country's leaders could very well be giving Washington a new means of applying pressure in future political confrontations.

A FREE TRADE agreement with the U.S. could strengthen certain tendencies within the economy. To the extent that Israel's industry is geared to exports, it will be vulnerable to fluctuations in the international market.

In the future it may become increasingly difficult to redirect Israeli output should there be a contraction in the world market. Large-scale unemployment in such a case would not be a remote happening in Europe or the U.S. Any rise in the rate of jobless abroad would be translated into a similar development in Israel.

A point to be stressed is what free trade may mean in terms of increased competition on the local market from goods coming here. It will force local industry to concentrate on those areas in which it is competitive, and to close down lines

of production that are less profitable.

The industrialists and the authorities are aware of this development, but apparently have decided to take the risk involved. Some weeks ago Patil declared that the experience accumulated by Israeli industry will permit it to compete with foreign producers. Local industry will enter a new era, he said.

LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS are somewhat more careful in their attitude. They maintain that while the idea of signing an agreement with the U.S. is basically a positive one, the exact wording of its clauses will be crucial. Among other things, the industrialists insist that the span of time for implementation should be long enough to give the Israeli producers the opportunity to make necessary adjustments in their production. This will probably entail a longer period of permitted tariffs for Israel than for the U.S. and carefully defined exception clauses that will take into consideration Israel's geopolitical position.

The Ministry for Industry and Trade for its part says that the agreement is a most desirable development. Israel is currently included among those countries enjoying tariff exemptions granted by the U.S. on a list of 2,500 goods under an agreement known as the General System of Preferences.

But the GSP is based on law that will have to be renewed in two

years, and there is no guarantee that American legislators will grant the same exemption.

The ministry also argued that GSP includes quantitative limitations that put a brake on development of Israeli exports to the U.S. Thus if one country exports a certain article to the U.S. accounts for more than 50 per cent of the total import of that item it is automatically excluded from the list. It was because of ruling that an Israeli innovation in laser technology lost its tariff exemption last year. An innovation by definition is exported only to the country that made it.

There is another factor that makes a free trade agreement with the U.S. desirable. In five years Israel will abolish its tariff on European goods. It will then in an almost impossible position vis-à-vis the U.S. Goods from European countries (on which there often deep differences of opinion will be customs free, while those still be tariffs on American merchandise. Sooner or later Israeli authorities will be forced to lower custom duties not on European goods, but also American ones.

In the final analysis, a free agreement with the U.S. is necessary, but careful consideration must be given to the dangers involved and to the time it will implement it.

The writer is the economic reporter for The Jerusalem Post.

The illusion of controlled terror

By SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

idealists, who are frequently also men of high principles, very few (if any) of them have managed to maintain complete discipline within their ranks. Besides the idealists, some more intelligent and articulate than others, terrorist organizations tend to attract psychopaths, criminal elements and weaklings for whom the macho aspect of terrorism is more important than any other. The rank and file of terrorist organizations are thus frequently either incapable of or not interested in making intellectual distinctions, even if their leaders are, and as a result deviations are unavoidable.

A comparison between organizations that have chosen personal terror as their continuous means of struggle when other means were available, and those who plotted to assassinate Hitler (they had no additional such acts in mind) at a time when no other means were available to Germans to dispose of the Nazi monster, is preposterous.

I am perfectly well aware that it is not always easy to distinguish between personal terror and other forms of political assassination, which under certain rare circumstances may be morally condoned.

The plot to assassinate Hitler was certainly one of the latter kind. I reject the view that the assassination of Lord Moyne was anything but personal terror.

Professor Akzin's article insinuates that behind my article lies "the desire to induce or strengthen disapproval of the prime minister and to further the chances of his government falling." My political views are no secret. As an active member of the Labour Party, I would certainly be happy should Mr. Shamir become leader of the opposition, but there were no political motives behind my article, in which if anything I expressed appreciation for Shamir's intellectual honesty.

IN HIS article, Professor Akzin made an extraordinary statement: "The bombing of the King David Hotel in 1946 also might be considered an act of selective terror, though the purpose of that action was to destroy the enemy's headquarters without causing loss of life. As against this, civilian deaths in the course of battle, with Deir Yassin as an example, are deplorable incidents of warfare, to be avoided as much as possible, but unfortunately

occurring again and again, and not properly acts of terror."

The King David operation as originally planned by all parties concerned, and as approved by the Hagana, was intended to be a symbolic act in which few or no people would be killed, and was designed to show the British that it was possible to penetrate the centre of their nervous system.

The IZL decided to go ahead with the plan, after the Hagana had demanded that it be put off, at an hour different from that originally set, at an hour when the building was full of people. The act turned into one of indiscriminate terror.

True, there was a warning phone call. But even had the call reached someone with the authority to order immediate evacuation of the building (which it didn't) and even had there been an ordered evacuation, because of the size of the building many persons would have been trapped in the staircase. The death toll might have been even larger than it actually was.

Many of those killed were outside the hotel, and were hit by debris from the blast.

With regards to Deir Yassin, we know from eye witnesses — one of them was Meir Pa'il, who was sent by the Hagana to observe the fighting quality of the IZL and Lehi as a factor to be considered in the future state — that the massacre took place after the fighting was over, and after a Hagana unit, which had been called in to silence Arab sources of fire, had departed.

I have seen the photographs taken at Deir Yassin and strongly advise anyone from refraining from talking of what went on there as a "deplorable incident of warfare." That is a deplorable euphemism for the worst act of indiscriminate terror performed by the dissidents.

The final point which I should like to make does not concern Prof. Akzin's article but some further information which I have gathered on the Shamir-Bethell episode. During a recent visit to London I had a long chat with Lord Bethell who was totally unaware of the commotion which his article had caused in Israel.

He explained to me that his own article on Moyne had been

motivated by a news item in Times that had quoted Shamir's quotation of what he had said about Lord Moyne in his book *Palestine Triangle*. As a result Bethell faced a barrage of calls asking him how he could possibly support the assassination of Lord Moyne, which was the action which seemed to emerge what Shamir had told Nakhla his *Yediot Aharanot* interview to be 14.

What Bethell had in fact in his book to complete the picture was as follows:

"Moyne had earned the particular dislike of Jewish militia had been colonial secretary the ill-fated *Struma* reached but and, though they could sure of this, had urged the Times to turn it back into the Black Sea June 9, 1942, while briefly out of government, he had said House of Lords: 'The Zionist has raised two main issues: the demand for large-scale immigration into an already overcrowded country; secondly, racial discrimination by these newcomers over original inhabitants.' He has observed that most Ashkenazim were racially mixed and that scale Jewish immigration Palestine was an impact dream. Zionists took great at his words. They also blame personally for Britain's failure rescue European Jewry and apocryphal (having no author — SHR) remark: 'What would with a million Jews?' In Israeli literature he is frequently described as a war criminal anti-Semite." He then went on to quote Yalin-Mor on why he was chosen as a target and Churchill who was out of ph reach.

Bethell is, in fact, opposed to terror, against which he speaks acts within the framework of European Parliament. In Foreign Office circles regarded as pro-Israeli — since article appeared in *The Times* been regarded by some Israeli officials as an enemy. I know Bethell as a sincere friend of and an active supporter of the gle for Soviet Jewry.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:

Sir, — Macabee Dean sees in a high degree of unemployment a panacea for at least part of our economic troubles ("Necessity of unemployment" — November 17).

As a student in the twenties in Germany, I saw the misery of hundreds of able-bodied men queuing up before the labour exchange and being sent away day after day empty-handed and living on a miserable dole. As a result, I reached the conclusion that, excepting war and pestilence, mass unemployment is the greatest disaster possible.

Does Mr. Dean think of the situation of a father sitting at home, humiliated before his wife and children for being cast away from the world of labour as redundant? Does he think of the returning soldiers who will be denied the right to work, and of the young thrown on the streets, idle and *valens volens* an easy prey to lawlessness? After all, the Nazi party's storm troopers and SS men were mainly recruited from this class of idle unemployed.

I cannot even think of a situation of mass unemployment in our country without shuddering at the possible consequences of such a social disaster.

MORDECHAI NOY

Ramat Gan.

Sir, — Macabee Dean repeats the widespread misconception that "the average Israeli worker in production has an output much lower than that of most of his contemporaries in the West." The output of a worker is not determined so much by the amount of coffee-breaks he takes, but by the efficiency of the machinery at his disposal. On the average, the Israeli industry does not lag behind the West in terms of modern equipment and automation. The main reason for statistical data on lower output per worker is based on the fact that the Israeli worker spends between 10 and 15 per cent of his time performing reserve duty in the army.

The other misconception of Mr. Dean is considering the entire service sector as "unproductive." The service sector serving tourism (hotels, restaurants, shops, entertainment, touring services, etc.) brings in more net dollars than any branch of industry or agriculture. While it is true that the bloated bureaucracy should be drastically reduced, one should not lose sight

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of the fact that the entire West is now entering a post-industrial era, in which progress manifests itself in the growth of the service sector at the expense of industrial manpower.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

Netanya.

Macabee Dean comments:

We all agree, I hope, on several things: there can be no greater humiliation for an able-bodied man, who can work and wants to work, than not being able to find work. But terrible as unemployment may be, there are degrees. Mild unemployment is preferable to massive unemployment. And if the present dilapidated economic structure is not altered through mild unemployment, then massive unemployment is inevitable.

In answer to Mordechai Noy, I wish to stress that nowhere in my article did I recommend mass unemployment. But even if it does develop, there is no reason why it should lead to a Nazi-like movement. At least things developed different in the U.S., England, etc., where unemployment was also rife at the same period. (The fear in Israel is that it may lead to emigration and a huge drop in immigration.)

As to Dr. Jacob Rosin's letter, according to the Productivity Institute, the average Israeli worker produces (and also gets paid) about half of his contemporary in the West. One reason is reserve duty, but other very important factors are: lack of a work ethic; failure to work a second shift; absenteeism; bad management; poor physical facilities; a month of paid sick leave which many exploit unnecessarily; numerous Jewish holidays and preparing for, and resting up after these holidays; and a faulty in-

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frustration (roads, telephones, delivery of supplies), and so on. With the exception of reserve duty, all other factors can be improved considerably.

Tourism is certainly a prime foreign currency earner, and this service is fighting for full recognition as a "productive" sector. Another service which could become a foreign currency earner is medicine, for the facilities and specialists certainly exist in Israel. A strict differentiation must be made between types of services; my reference was to the clerks who shuffle papers around.

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